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Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive

* 2654 *Q.*—Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the recommendations made by the "Committee of Enquiry into the working of the Scheme for the Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive" has been given effect to so far; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House, a copy of the Government Orders relating thereto?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The recommendations cover a large number and variety of administrative matters, many of which may not have culminated in Government orders. A statement[a] containing an abstract of the recommendations and the action taken thereon is, however, placed on the table of the House. Copies of the Government orders wherever issued, have not been prepared as it would take too much time and labour.

Sri V. GOPALA GOUNDER : On page 2 of the statement with reference to recommendations Nos. 14 and 15 it has been stated that the claims of officers of the Revenue Department were accepted. Was anybody appointed subsequent to the acceptance of this recommendation from the Revenue Department?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would like to have notice.

Trained nurses

* 2655 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of nurses who have passed from the Nurses' training schools in the State; and

(*b*) the number of those who have not yet been employed in Government services?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) 983 for the period from 1st January 1950 to 31st December 1954.

(*b*) 110, Sir.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have any plan to absorb these nurses in the hospital service?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY : The Government have sanctioned an additional nursing staff of 100 as a Part II Scheme for 1954–55. Recently Government have sanctioned 31 additional nurses in the hospitals which are training centres for them.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 104–119 infra.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Are the Government aware of the fact that in every hospital in the State the number of patients admitted is far higher than the bed-strength available as a consequence of which the nurses are not in a position to attend on the patients properly? Unfortunately, these nurses are becoming the targets of complaint that they are not attending to the needs of the patients. But it is not possible for them to do it in the circumstances. Therefore, will the Government see that more nurses are allotted to each hospital in accordance with the increase in the number of patients admitted?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: It is true that almost every hospital has more patients than the number of beds sanctioned. When we ask the Medical Officers in charge of these hospitals not to admit an excessive number of patients, they say that M.L.As. and other people come and worry them and ask them to admit more patients and they are afraid of M.L.As. and other public leaders.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: On a point of personal explanation, Sir. It is not the fault of the people of the State that we have got only a very small number of hospitals. It is the primary duty of the State to provide medical facilities to the people. It is natural that the M.L.As. including the Ministers—they are also M.L.As.—who are interested in the welfare of the State as a whole approach the authorities to see that the poor people are given medical facilities. Therefore, I would request the Hon. Minister to view this sympathetically and see that more facilities are given
11-20 a.m. for the treatment of the poor people.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The hon. Member may please note that in all countries, even the most progressive and advanced countries of the West, there are many more patients seeking admission into hospitals than they can accommodate. It is not a thing peculiar to this country or this State. I may also add that additional beds are provided from year to year and there is provision for a large number of additional beds in the Second Five-Year Plan.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have laid down any principle for the appointment of these trained nurses in their turn? Is it a fact that one of the trained nurses has not yet been entertained although she has been waiting for three years due to the fact that she has married a Communist?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: A separate question may be asked.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: May I know whether any principle has been laid down for such appointments?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: There is no restriction that nurses who marry Communists should not be employed.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: How are these trained nurses appointed? Are they appointed on merit or on account of their colour or complexion?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : All matters are taken into consideration.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : When were non-artistic and non-comforting males introduced into the system of Florence Nightingale?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I cannot say exactly when they were appointed, but some of them are appointed in many countries and in many institutions where the employment of men nurses—not male nurses—is considered necessary for particular departments, say, wards having mental patients, venereal disease patients, and such other special duty for which men nurses are better fitted.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : The Hon. Minister quoted foreign countries. Is it not a fact that in countries like England there is a nurse for every 490 of the population whereas it is one for every 40,000 in India?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : It is not only in regard to nurses but in all matters they are having much better provision for the various requirements than we have here. Ours is a poor country. Particularly, our Friend coming from Malabar should know how poor we are.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Is it a fact that the Government are seriously considering the question of abolishing the system of employing men nurses since they are not very popular in our country or at least in our State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The proportion of men nurses to women nurses was one to three. It has now been reduced to one to six.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that the bed-strength in the several hospitals had been increased recently. May I know whether the strength of the nursing staff also has been increased correspondingly?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The strength of the nursing staff has been increased on several occasions from year to year. I cannot say whether it has been increased corresponding to the increase in the bed-strength.

Assignment of lands for cultivation

* 2656 Q.—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL இந்தக் கேள்வியைக் கேட்கி றேன், ஆனல் பதில் தமிழில் சொல்ல வேண்டுமென்று கோருகிறேன்.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were received recently from the peasants of Bodinayakanur in Madurai district to assign the waste lands near Pottipuram to them ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?